

'75 Yearbook Investigated

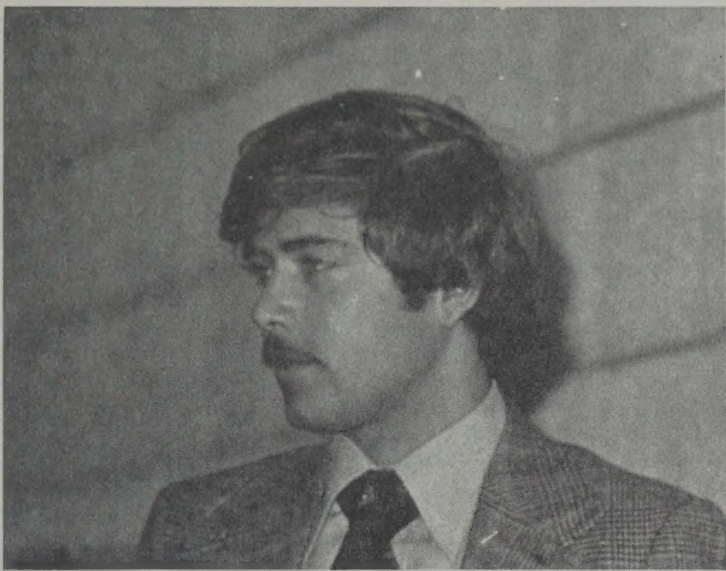
Maura MacCallion

"This year's yearbook, *The Shield*, is smaller, has fewer pages, and is unquestionably of poorer quality than last year's," according to the president of the class of '75, Al Murray, who addressed the Senate last Tuesday evening. Mr. Murray feels somewhat responsible for this as he, as class president, appointed the editor of the yearbook.

Al went on to say the budget for the '75 *Shield* was \$8,300, a "substantial increase of several hundred dollars" over the previous year, yet he cannot comprehend why this year's yearbook is not as good, or better, than last year's. According to Mr. Murray, treasurer Kevin Keegan has no record of where this \$8,300 was spent.

A motion was made and passed by the Senate to have an audit on the '75 yearbook. Mr. Murray made it clear that he was in "no way implicating that monies were used in the wrong way," but stated that, "there is not, in my opinion, tight enough control on where these monies are spent."

A motion was passed to ap-



propriate money for an intramural basketball tournament to be held in Ross Sports Center. St. Michael's, UVM, Middlebury and Norwich will all be participating. The proceeds from this tournament are to be donated to an undetermined charitable organization.

Kevin Ryan announced that the Ross Sports Center will be available for student use two

evenings a year. However, an event held in the gym will have to be a student responsibility with no outside promoters brought in. The event must also be open to all students. Anyone interested in sponsoring such an event should contact Kevin Ryan.

The Senate also voted to support a petition for the installation of traffic lights at both entrances of the campus.

Interview with Deana Klein

Plant Thefts Put Bio on Guard



The Biology Department has been forced to put a lock on the door of the Science Hall greenhouse, due to the increased incidences of theft.

Previously, the greenhouse contained all the plants that were

being used for experimental purposes, as well as a collection of unusually interesting plants. Every single plant that is not involved in an experiment has been stolen, and even several experimental plants are missing

or have been tampered with. Other items, such as plastic pots, have also been stolen.

Dr. Deana Klein, a professor of Biology who specializes in Botany, expressed disappointment at the lack of respect for property exhibited by these thefts. According to Dr. Klein, "These thefts force us to spend our money on replacing equipment rather than buying new equipment. This hurts the students in the department very much."

The problem is not confined to the greenhouse. Each year at least one microscope and sometimes even a triple-beam balance is stolen. These items cost hundreds of dollars.

Most of the equipment in the Science Building is now locked up in cabinets when labs are not in session. This has alleviated the problem to some extent, but it is a real disadvantage to students, who need the equipment to study with.

Extent of Cheating Examined

Cheating underway . . . that is, a campus survey of cheating is underway. The Sociology Department's "Research Methods" class has been working this semester on a questionnaire to determine the extent of academic cheating taking place on campus, and how students feel about it. They recognize the complexity of the

phenomenon, and are attempting to identify any "patterns" that may exist.

They will be sending out some 400 questionnaires to randomly selected students, and are hoping to receive the high rate of return necessary to insure representativeness. It is expected that the students filling them out will add to the honesty of responses.

231 Students Involved with Work-Study

Work Study Offers Varied Opportunities

This year (1975-76), \$145,811 was allocated by the Federal government to St. Michael's for the work-study program. SMC matches this amount by 20 percent, according to the Director of Financial Aid, Madeline E. Yandow.

The Undergraduate Bulletin explains this program as providing "part-time employment on campus for students who are in need of earnings from such employment to pursue a course of study at St. Michael's College." Examples of on-campus work include the library, Saga, assistants in various departments for administrators or professors, the post office, and the answering service for the North Campus. Also, some RA's are on a work-study basis. Students with a particular academic skill can base their program around tutoring.

Off-campus work is also available, providing the employer is a non-profit organization. Miss Yandow said that some students have held jobs with the Parks and Recreation Department, the Red Cross, and the Probation and Parole Department. She stated that, as the program utilizes federal funds, by working for these organizations, "students help themselves plus help the organization."

Presently, the average wage is \$2.00 an hour. However, this will increase to \$2.20 in January. Wages follow the current minimum wage requirements as established by the government. "All students receive the same wage," said Miss Yandow. But, "students who work off-campus are given added compensation for travel."

According to the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Fact Sheet, students on work-

study may be employed for as many as 40 hours a week. Miss Yandow said that at SMC, students were previously required to work 15 hours per week. Now they work more than 15 hours but less than 20 hours for on-campus employment.

In arranging a job and determining the number of working hours per week, the following are taken into consideration: "1) your [each student's] need for financial assistance; 2) your class schedule; and 3) your health and academic progress." This is according to the HEW fact sheet.

At the issuance of each paycheck, students are reviewed and graded. This report is sent to the Financial Aid Office. By doing this, students and the Financial Aid Office can see where the employee stands. If the reports become unfavorable, it serves as a warning that the student's position is in danger. Miss Yandow said that the student must be warned once before being fired.

The program can also be carried over to the summer recess. According to Miss Yandow, employment can be "here [Burlington area] or in the hometown." The same policy of evaluation at each payroll is continued.

Miss Yandow said that not only does the work-study program help the student financially with his education, but often helps a student find a career.

Presently, there are 231 students involved with the work-study program, according to Miss Yandow, with approximately 300 expected to be involved by the end of the year. With 231 students receiving the \$145,811 in federal funds, it averages out to \$631.23 per student, plus the money from SMC.

by Cindy von Beren

Studying In Stereo

A recently installed stereo system now makes it possible to relax to music in the Klein Student Center.

The stereo, a Pioneer SX 838 (delivering 50 watts per channel), has been in use for approximately two weeks. Tom Payne, a member of the governing board, installed the system with the carpentry work done by Fr. Lorenzo D'Agostino. The stereo system was purchased last year, but not installed due to lack of time.

In addition, there is a TEAC 160 cassette tape deck. Cassettes brought in by students will be played by the work-study employee, responsible for the stereo at that time. The student workers are not responsible for damage done to tapes.

Suspended from the ceiling, one set of the Superscope speakers is in the lounge area with the other set in the lobby. The receiver and tape deck are built into the reception desk. Payne pointed out that the tape deck could prove useful in presentations with pre-recorded music or lectures. (Although not planned, it is possible to add a record player.) In giving his opinion of the new system, Payne said, "I do not think it will prevent students from studying in the center and it will definitely add to the atmosphere."

The Klein Governing Board and the Dean of Students Office have taken precautions to guard against the over-personal use of the stereo. This includes frequent checks by SMC Security guards.

—Laurie Thompson

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Editorial

Votes For Presidents

At the November 11th Senate meeting the constitutional amendment franchising the president of the Freshman, Sophomore and Junior classes was defeated by a modest majority. In examining the arguments against the amendment, **The Michaelman** finds very little logic in any of them.

The first argument is that the addition of three votes would contribute to the unwieldiness of the group. The second premise was that anything these classes want can be done through a Senator. The final point for the opposition was that the role of the class president is not one that should involve voting power in the Senate and that "a lot of elections are popularity, anyway."

The Michaelman vehemently disagrees with all three arguments. The addition of three votes will not make a substantial difference in how organized or efficient the Senate is. Surely, the cohesiveness of the group depends more upon the dexterity and leadership of the president than upon the size of the body. The next premise, that class presidents should be satisfied with bringing their problems to the SA and perhaps receiving permission to speak, is particularly ludicrous. If their office is to be elevated to a more political level, rather than just "chief party-giver", they have to be an integral part of the Senate. As they stand now, they are more social directors and money raisers than bonafide student leaders.

The Michaelman cannot fathom the rationale that prompted one committee chairman to state that the role of class president is not one which should involve voting power in the Senate. What exactly is their role if not elected student representatives? The class presidents have a constituency of over 400 students. They must be an advocate for those vested interests.

The Michaelman asserts that unless the class presidents become franchised the entire office of class president may as well be abolished. Without a vote they cannot function as an instrument to further the interests of their constituents. Without a vote they cannot call themselves viable representatives of the class. Without a vote their office is nothing but an empty title which helps to perpetuate elections by popularity rather than by platform. **The Michaelman** hopes that this amendment will be brought before the Senate again, and this time will meet with resounding victory.

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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Final Exams for this semester will be held from Saturday, December 13 through Friday, December 19. Students will follow the Exam Schedule as printed in the 1975-76 schedule for the Academic Year except for the following common exams:

COURSE	INSTRUCTOR	DATE	TIME	PLACE
AS 101 A,B,C	Roque	12/18	1:15	SAC257
AS 201 A,B	Roque	12/19	1:15	SAC257
BU 105 A,B,C,D	Anderson/Higgins	12/13	1:15	Gym
BU 201 A,B,C,D	Fortune/LaMarche	12/16	3:30	Gym
BU 207 A,B	Anderson	12/17	3:30	Sc107
BU 208 A,D,E	Knight/Snyder	12/17	1:15	Gym
BU 303 A,B	LaMarche	12/18	1:15	Gym
BU 315	Knight/LaMarche	12/15	3:30	Gym
EC 101 B,D	Carvellas	12/19	1:15	Gym
EC 107 A	Amrhein	12/19	1:15	Gym
FR 103 A,B,C,D	Poirier	12/13	3:30	AL212
FR 203 C,D	Delaney	12/13	3:30	DLC323
PH 101 A,F	Zeno	12/15	1:15	Sc107
PH 101 H,G	Hanagan	12/15	1:15	Gym
PH 101 C,D	MacDonald	12/15	1:15	Gym
PH 101 J,K	VanderWeel	12/15	1:15	Gym
PH 201 A,B	Case	12/15	1:15	AL212
PO 101 C,F	Talarico	12/17	3:30	Gym
PO 101 A,E	Kernstock	12/17	3:30	Gym
PO 101 D,G	Wilson	12/17	3:30	Gym
PO 201 B,C	Cannon	12/17	1:15	AL212
RS 110 A,B	Couture	12/16	1:15	Sc107
RS 110 E,F	Paulin	12/16	1:15	Gym
RS 110 C,D	Bryan	12/16	1:15	Gym
RS 140 A,B,C	Kroger	12/18	3:30	Gym
RS 203 A,B	Bryan	12/13	3:30	J46
RS 417 A, B	Kroger	12/13	1:15	Sc108
SO 201 C,D	Bolduc	12/15	3:30	Gym
SP 103 A,B	Rupright	12/13	3:30	Sc108

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Madame Editor:

As instigator of the Contraceptive Lecture given by Planned Parenthood, I took offense at your attack upon the administration for allowing the lecture.

The Catholic Church does not condone any form of artificial contraception, but it does not take the stand that information on birth control should not be made available. We only provided information that everyone should be familiar with; it would be quite a different story if we passed out contraceptives. I did not read any articles in your last edition condemning the Pre-Marital Sex Forum. The Catholic Church is also against premarital sex, but more and more people engage in premarital relations. There is no reason for a woman to become pregnant these days — and if she has the information made available to her on various contraceptive methods there would be no need for abortion, which you claim is "not an unheard of occurrence at St. Michael's College."

I would also like to question whether or not the editorial reflects the attitudes of all the editors, which is the conclusion I've come to since the editorial was not signed. Is this the policy of **The Michaelman** or the undertaking of you, Miss Sullivan?

The article which I wrote covering the lecture appeared on page three of the same edition. The title which was placed on my article ("And for only \$25.00 . . .") seems to degrade the idea of the lecture to a level of extreme immorality. Sure it costs \$25.00 — and is free in certain instances — but the idea behind Planned Parenthood is to provide help and consultation to those who feel they need it. An abortion is a higher price to pay — monetarily and psychologically.

It is my opinion that the lecture was in good taste and quite beneficial to the student body.
Sincerely,
Susan Treloar

Dear Madame Editor:

In response to the editorial of November 12, what will you insist we close our eyes to next on this campus? You may contend that "a Catholic college must be one which is the embodiment of the fundamental principles and practices of the Catholic Church", but it seems as if you fail to notice the word college. Yes, college, an institution of higher learning, providing a general or liberal arts education. Instead, you appear to have defined your notion of a Catholic. As a college, the responsibility of offering opportunities in all degrees of a varied education is paramount. Your comments border on a sort of Christian fundamentalism. Would you have the Durick Library ban books and periodicals containing information on contraceptives, catholic educators. If, indeed, that is the case I made a serious mistake when I chose Saint Michael's College as a place to further my education. I hope that my fears are groundless.
Sincerely,
Peter Knickerbocker '78

Dear Madame Editor:

The "Planned Parenthood at SMC" editorial and the news report on the contraception lecture made the November 12th **Michaelman** an unusually interesting issue. I agreed with your editorial and I found the report on the lecture a bit shocking, yet for me to comment on these matters may appear foolish and in bad taste. These days of moral confusion are no time for anyone to be self-righteous and surely freedom of speech was an issue in allowing this lecture on campus.

But even admitting the moral ambiguity about and within us, why should Saint Michael's College sponsor a Planned Parenthood, Inc. lecture on contraception? Even allowing for the many Catholics who dispute the Pope's pronouncements on artificial birth control, there are still some Christians who recall the condemnations of fornication and adultery in the Old and New Testaments. Not that such condemnations often have prevented humans from indulging in such activities, but why should Saint Michael's College engage in such complicity? Why contribute to the corruption of the young?

To say that the Planned Parenthood people are "professional people" does not necessarily make their work moral. Even if there is a "definite need

for the girls on campus to have the information" because some of them have been getting "the wrong information," why is the Planned Parenthood information to be judged the right information? All right, let's fight "social diseases" and unwanted pregnancies the Planned Parenthood way and not worry about immaterial moral issues traditional to Christians. But if we do that, let's really comfort the afflicted. What about those misinformed young men and women who have the "wrong information" on foreplay and coitus? Think of what they are missing! Let's get some real "professionals" on campus to give them the "right information."

Alas, as it is thus far, we have only information from Leslea Newman of Planned Parenthood, Inc., sponsored by Angel Flight (What great names!) Yet be comforted in this: for those students who are poor, Planned Parenthood, Inc. will furnish the contraceptive they prefer free! No \$25.00 charge, the treat is on them — and "your name will be kept in the strictest confidence." Now isn't that the way it always is? Society always takes such good care of the poor. Why, it's almost Christian. Thank you, Newman, Thank you, Angel Flight.

As ever,
John Reiss
Assoc. Prof. of English

Dear Madame Editor:

I was shocked to read the editorial that appeared in **The Michaelman** on November 12th condemning the use of the Klein Student Center for a lecture by Planned Parenthood.

The Michaelman's objection was that since birth control through artificial contraception is considered to be an "anathema" by the Roman Catholic Church, and since Saint Michael's College is a Catholic Institution, the Planned Parenthood lecture (which dealt largely with artificial contraception) should not have been permitted.

I am not going to address myself to the morality of the Roman Catholic Church's stand on birth control, or to the sanity of the Pope who opposes birth control by artificial contraception while half the population of this crowded world is starving to death. However, I would like to ask **The Michaelman** how Saint Michael's College could call itself a liberal arts college if it tried to limit the exchange of ideas that are part of a liberal education to those subjects of-

ficially sanctioned for discussion by the Pope in Rome. If the Roman Catholic view on this and other matters is the right one, it could become only more apparent in a free exchange of ideas. Indeed I thought this was part of the reason why admission to Saint Michael's College is granted to non-catholic students such as myself. Should the Roman Catholic position be less than true I would think it would be in the interest of the Roman Catholic Church to discover this as soon as possible.

While I find some reassurance in Sister Jeanette's mature attitude, I fear lest the position of **The Michaelman** be that of most since the library is firmly rooted on a Catholic campus? Or better still, will you tackle the Biology department, and suggest they stop teaching the current theories of human evolution? Just think of the corruption going on there!

If we, as thinking, growing students, are denied the experience of a truly liberal education, then I maintain that we are denied the experience of college.

John D. Dragan

Dear Madame Editor:

As one who converted to Catholicism because of her teachings on birth control and abortion, I wish to congratulate you on your editorial concerning Planned Parenthood at S.M.C. Perhaps the administration has forgotten that in the "Dogmatic Constitution of the Church", Vatican II stated that religious submission of mind and of will must be shown the authentic teaching of the Pope even when he is not speaking infallibly.

I would have liked to major in religious studies instead of French during my years at this college. However, I have seen enough to realize that I probably would not have learned authentic Catholic doctrine. That is the main reason why I am not a theology major, and why I will never contribute to St. Michael's College.

Sincerely,
Timothy D. Whitney
Class of 1976

Winter in Vermont



Hunting by the Roadside

Driving down the Interstate this past weekend, one could not help but notice the number of cars parked by the side of the road. This is the traditional scene each year as the hunting season opens in Vermont. Hunting no longer entails packing off into the woods and camping in the rough. The great hunter of the past has been winterized.

Hunting these days requires no great degree of skill. Large numbers of deer concentrate in areas which afford ease and convenience to the modern hunter. This accounts for the increase in our hunting force in the past few years. A great many deer are killed without the hunter straying a quarter of a mile from his parked car.

As is, any working person or student can assume the stature of a hunter; even if only on weekends. In Vermont, the open

season runs for 16 consecutive days, beginning 12 days before Thanksgiving. During this period, a person may take one deer with antlers not less than three inches in length by firearm or bow and arrow. There is also a season in October, specifically for bow and arrow hunting.

Although non-resident hunting licenses are costly, special consideration is given to non-resident students attending Vermont colleges. Anyone who has satisfactorily completed two successive semesters, may obtain a resident license in the town where the school is located.

As in any other sport, the initial investment for hunting equipment can be steep, but after that, there is little expense, barring license fees and travel costs. Rifles start at approximately \$90.00, however, the bow and arrow can be less

expensive and the season is twice as long. A compass is necessary, as is the ability of how to use it. Equally important is a sharp hunting knife, for gutting the animal, and finally, a strong rope is handy for pulling the carcass out of the woods and attaching the dead animal to the fender of your car.

When considering what to wear, it is important to choose a good warm pair of boots. A bright-colored jacket is also crucial for safety purposes. The Fish and Game Department recommends blaze orange. With a little thought to proper attire, one can make his outing quite pleasant, even with adverse and varying weather conditions.

Once you have acquired the necessary equipment, deciding on an area is the next step. An area which is sparsely populated

is your best bet. Chittenden County is a less-desirable area because of the population. Undoubtedly, the opening up of roads in the back country and the common use of automobiles have broadened the alternatives for hunting grounds.

A hunter who has taken the time to become familiar with an area stands a better chance of taking a deer.

There is normally a heavy kill of animals during the first few days of the season; after that the deer become increasingly more elusive. Deer blend in well with their surroundings, giving them a distinct advantage in the hunt. In addition, a deer's sense of smell can readily detect the intrusion of a human. They can also easily sight a moving object, even at great distances.

Trail watching also has a

number of problems. The great number of hunters in the woods hampers the natural movements of the animals. Trail watchers have to depend on other hunters to flush game past their stands. There is also no guarantee that a specific trail is being used during a hunting season. Once the deer recognize the danger of following trails with hunters about it, an alternate route will soon be chosen. Again, the sportsman who becomes familiar with an area stands a far greater chance of taking a deer.

If and when a deer is taken, the hunter must immediately detach the deer tag from his license and tag the deer. The hunter must also report the taking within 48 hours by displaying the carcass to a warden. During the weekend deer can be taken to checking stations, located at major

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SKIING

Guide For Beginners

Beginning skiers are usually discouraged from buying equipment for the fear they may not enjoy the sport and the equipment will be left unused by an unambitious skier. Although it's hard to believe, not EVERYBODY loves to ski. For those of you who do, however,

SKIS

Beginners should look for four basic things in a ski.

1. The ski should be about the same height as the skier. It is considerably easier to maneuver a short ski, and therefore it is easier to develop style in the early stages of your career. Since women are usually lighter and less aggressive on the slopes than men, they might benefit from a ski even shorter than their own height.
2. The ski should be medium wide or wide. This increases stability.
3. The ski should be stiffer than a regular ski to accommodate the shortness.
4. The ski should have a lot of torsion. This allows it to "five" more on the turns, making their execution a little less difficult.

Most ski manufacturers make special skis for beginners, with the above qualifications in mind.

Rossignol's "Olympia-Short" is one of the most popular beginners' skis. It is medium flex, medium wide, and retails for \$125.

Head "shorts" are also excellent. They are, like the Olympia, medium flex, medium wide, and retail for \$125.

The Olin "Mark I" is an extremely strong and durable ski, and is made for aggressive beginners. It is medium flex, medium wide, and retails for \$148.

The K-2 "Short Cut" is a very soft, flexible ski, that makes turning almost effortless. It is medium wide and the retail value is \$125.

Kneissl makes two kinds of skis especially for beginners. The "Short" is very wide and medium flex, and retails for \$125. The "Magic" is medium wide and medium flex and retails for \$150.

Kastle skis come with an added bonus. With the purchase of their beginners' ski for \$120, you get a free ski lesson. This bonus is honored at most ski areas. The Kastle beginner ski is medium wide and medium flex.

BOOTS

Boots are usually considered more important than skis, as far as quality and adaptability are concerned.

Most new boots are made with hinges which divide the boot into an upper shell and a lower shell. The boot hinges where the foot and leg hinge. As the skier flexes, the boot "gives". This prevents shin bangs from the front of the boot, and allows considerably greater freedom of movement.

Boots should be highly padded, especially around the ankle. This insures that the leg will not be bruised by the constant pressure of the boot.

Boots should fit snugly enough so that they move with

the following guide may help you choose your equipment wisely, and without undue expense.

Keep in mind that the fanciest and most expensive equipment is meant for the advanced skier. You don't need to be decked out like an Olympic skier to have adequate and safe equipment.



the foot. There should be no room for slipping around inside the boot. The heel should stay in place and the toes should have enough space to move freely, so that circulation will not be cut off.

A good pair of beginners' boots need not be expensive. Fifty or sixty dollars is considered reasonable.

Plastic boots are adequate for beginners because they do not put as much stress on the boot as advanced skiers. Plastic boots are not as resistant to wear and therefore will break down more easily.

Most successful boot manufacturers are successful because they have withstood the weeding-out process of fussy, educated customers. Therefore, it is reasonably safe to assume that any boot you buy is a good one.

POLES

Poles are the least of your worries. They are used basically for balance and maneuvering.

For beginners, a one-piece aluminum shaft pole is adequate. Leather straps are preferable, because they do not freeze and become brittle in the cold. Baskets are strictly utilitarian, and are not a basis for choosing a pole. One-piece poles are usually approximately \$8.

A slightly more expensive pole would be lighter and stronger. Adjustable straps might also be an added feature, as well as separate ice tips. Ice tips are heavier than the aluminum of the rest of the pole, and give an added "grip" on icy hills. This is an unnecessary feature for beginners who are not usually found on ice.

The most expensive poles have tiny teeth on the end of the ice tips. These poles virtually never slide across the ice.

Kerma "Free-Style" poles are innovative in that their wrist



straps release under stress. A plastic gripper attaches them to the aluminum directly beneath the handle. Pressure on the plastic will cause the strap to come off, and the pole will not injure the falling skier.

BINDINGS

Bindings are by far the most important piece of equipment for the skier. The purpose of the binding is threefold.

1. It must hold the boot securely on the ski.
2. It must release the ski when a certain amount of pressure is put on it.
3. It must absorb the shock of turning and the impact of the movement of the ski on the slope.

Forty-three percent of all the bindings in the world are Salomon, and for good reason. Salomon are the best bindings on the market, according to several ski specialists interviewed by The Michaelman.

The Salomon 444 is the largest selling binding for beginners. They retail for \$61.95.

All Salomon bindings have a "flex, counter-flex" system. A separate heel plate allows the back binding to slide back and forth to correct for the decrease in length of the ski when it flexes. This system helps to prevent premature release.

Look-Nevada bindings are also excellent. The "GT" sells for \$55 and is very popular and a good binding for beginners.

Besser bindings are less expensive, but still safe and adequate for beginners. They have a multi-directional release system and are almost completely fiberglass. One adjustment makes the binding fit perfectly. Another attractive feature of Besser bindings is that they will go with any ski boot, including old-fashioned leather boots.

SKI MAINTENANCE

As everyone knows, skis are a major investment and should not be neglected. Proper care of skis is essential to the optimum performance and life expectancy of a ski.

Damages to the bottom of a ski such as holes and scratches do affect the performance of the ski, as minor as they may seem. Waxing and sanding will maintain most skis if they are not severely damaged. Anything major, however, should be repaired by a ski specialist in a ski repair shop.

Skis should always be stored standing against a wall, and in a normal room temperature. The edges should be waxed with dry wax to prevent rust.

Ski bags are highly

recommended for skis when travelling. Skis should be dry and clean when put into a ski bag.

SAFETY IS IMPORTANT

Most broken legs are a result of faulty functioning of the binding. Bindings **must** be adjusted at least once a month or whenever there is a change of conditions. It's not worth it to get hurt; it prevents you from going skiing next weekend.

SHARPENING YOUR EDGES

Edges must be kept sharp in order to insure good edge control.

Edges should be filed flat with the running surface. The easiest way to accomplish this is to lean the ski against the wall, with the tip to the wall. Take a 6"-9" metal file and place it horizontally against the back of the ski. File in one direction only.

File the whole length of the ski except for approximately six inches from the tip and six inches from the tail. These areas may even be rounded slightly with the file.

Burrs should be removed from the newly sharpened edges with a wetstone or emery cloth, by stroking them lightly against the edge in the opposite direction of the filing.

WAXING YOUR SKIS

Waxing your skis is important for proper maintenance and a smoother ride.

The first step should always be to remove the old wax with a plastic scraper and clean the running surface with a dust rag.

Hold a hot iron (not over 170°) over the ski, and melt the wax onto the ski. Then place the iron along the running surface, making sure that the iron is in continuous motion to avoid damage to the ski.

Let the wax cool for 5 or 10

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Mad River Glen.... Waitsfield, Vt.	\$11.00		\$9.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$5/1 hr.	(1)
Mt. Mansfield..... Stowe, Vt. (Toll House).....	\$12.00 \$ 8.00		\$8.00 \$6.00	\$12.00 \$8.00	\$8.00 \$6.00	\$6/1 1/2 hrs.	\$10.50
Smugglers' Notch.. Cambridge, Vt.	\$12.00		(2)	\$10.00	(2)	\$7.50/1 hr.	\$ 9.00
Okemo..... Ludlow, Vt.	\$11.00		\$8.00	\$5.00	\$4.00	\$7/1 hr.	
Jay Peak..... Newport, Vt.	\$10.00		\$7.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$7/2 hrs	\$10.00
Glen Ellen..... Waitsfield, Vt.	\$11.00		\$ 9.00	\$10.00	\$8.00	\$6/1 1/4 hrs.	\$10.00
Sugarbush..... Sugarbush..... Waitsfield, Vt.	\$12.00 \$12.00		\$9.00 \$9.00	\$12.00 \$12.00	(3) \$9.00	(3)	(1)

(1) — Peter Glen rentals — \$9.00 (2) — No published half-day. (3) — All-lift — 2-hr. lesson, \$18.

Buying a Down Jacket

Following are a few suggestions from **Gerry**, a winter outerwear manufacturer, on how to select a down parka.

Generally, you should look for four basic characteristics in a down parka:

1. A parka that will keep you warm under a variety of weather extremes.

2. A parka that gives you unrestricted freedom of movement.

3. A parka that will last for several years; and

4. A parka that looks good.

Down, the best insulator, provides a dead-air space, called "loft". The quality of down is measured by its "filling power." Filling power of 550 cubic inches or more is indicative of good quality down.

Synthetics will usually provide insulation even when wet. Down, however, loses its insulating

power. Down naturally conforms to the surface it surrounds, thereby providing a great freedom of movement. Synthetics do not have this advantage.

Most down parkas are water-repellent as opposed to waterproof. This means that they resist wetness and still allow body moisture to escape.

The most important factor in choosing a down parka is fit. A parka that is too loose creates more space than your body should have to heat. A parka that is too tight constricts the down, and reduces the down's lofting power.

Expert information on buying winter clothing and keeping warm can be obtained by writing to **Gerry**, An Outdoor Sports Company, Denver, Colorado 80216.

Rossignol U.S. Headquarters Here in Williston

The French Have Come

When a skier is asked to name a few of the best skis made, invariably the name Rossignol will be mentioned. In fact, this French ski company is considered by many experts to be the world's foremost manufacturer of skis for every level of skier. To illustrate this point, in FIS, World Cup, and Olympic competition, more medals have been won on Rossignol skis than on any others. With this reputation behind them, it is no surprise that Rozzies, as they have been nicknamed, are so popular, especially in the U.S. For this reason, the Rossignol Ski Corporation is the first non-American ski company to build and operate a ski factory in the United States.

Last year, in nearby Williston, Vermont, a new Rossignol plant

began producing a recreational-freestyle ski called the "Smash", and distributing the other skis in the Rozzi line, making it the U.S. headquarters for the French-based company. Furthermore, the facility also serves as distributor for **Kerma** ski poles, and starting on January 1, **Nordica** ski boots, both of which are nearly as revered by skiers as Rossignol skis.

Unfortunately, having a ski company just down the road does not mean everyone in Vermont will be on Rossignol skis this season. Like most ski manufacturers, Rossignol maintains a policy to keep their skis competitively priced. So, if you intend to win a gold medal in the Rozzi tradition, or if you're just mastering the snowplow, you have to buy them at a retail dealer.

Prepping For The Slopes

by Ed Higgins

The snowfall last Friday was the earliest substantial accumulation of snow I've seen in four years here at St. Michael's. There is no doubt that this is going to be an excellent winter for skiing and it is skiing that helps most of us through the long winter here in Vermont.

Right now people are tuning up their skis and replacing worn equipment. A little word of warning to anyone in the market for new bindings; the prices are outrageous. For example, the Look-Nevada is now \$95.00 and the Salomon 555 recreational model sells for an inflated \$90.95. The binding may be the most important piece of equipment, but these price hikes are entirely unjustified. While on the subject of bindings, be sure you get your adjustment checked before you ski. The couple of bucks it will cost you is much cheaper than a broken bone.

Although Killington has had skiing on its Snowshed slope, most skiing in this area will not get underway until the Thanksgiving weekend. Unless there is a good storm before that time, look for the best skiing at areas that have snow making machines, such as Smugglers' Notch, Sugarbush, and Glen Ellen.

So stick to your conditioning program (be it lifting full beer mugs or running five miles a day) and have a "real fine" early season.

And for those cold winter nights:

Irish Coffee

Into a stemmed glass or cup rimmed with sugar, pour 1½ ozs. Irish Whiskey. Fill to within ½ inch of top with strong, hot, black coffee. Cover surface to brim with chilled cream.

Hot Buttered Rum

Put lump of sugar into hot whiskey glass and fill 2/3 with boiling water. Add square of butter and 2 ozs. rum. Stir and sprinkle on top.

Hot Rum Toddy

Put lump of sugar into hot whiskey glass and fill 2/3 with boiling water. Add 2 ozs. rum. Stir and decorate with slice of lemon. Sprinkle nutmeg on top.

Also try adding peppermint schnapps or Galianno to hot chocolate. Hot apple cider with a shot of rum or vodka is great with a stick of cinnamon.

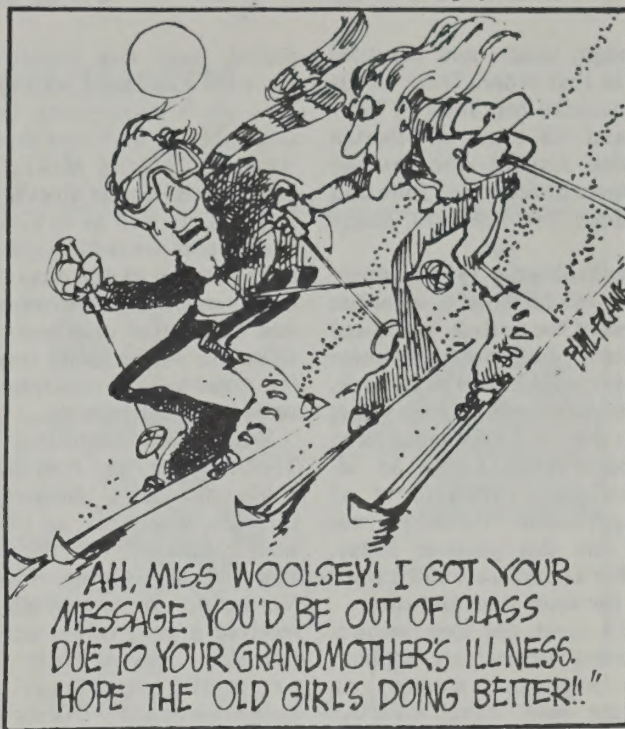
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minutes, and then scrape the running surface level with a plastic scraper.

The wax must be removed from the groove of the ski, and also from the base and sides of the edges.

FRANKLY SPEAKING...by phil frank



AH, MISS WOOLSEY! I GOT YOUR MESSAGE YOU'D BE OUT OF CLASS DUE TO YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S ILLNESS. HOPE THE OLD GIRL'S DOING BETTER!!

Budget Skiing in Vermont

When you think of skiing around St. Michael's, names like Stowe, Smugglers' Notch, Sugarbush, and Mad River Glen come to mind, but what also comes to mind are lift lines and \$12.00 lift tickets, especially in the more popular areas.

There is hope, though, for those of us on a college student's budget. Just a few minutes from sun and fun Winooski, you have a choice of three inexpensive, uncrowded, and enjoyable ski areas. On Route 15 North lies Underhill Ski Bowl, famous for its good food and no lines. Also

off Rt. 15N is Oxbow Ski Area in West Bolton; and in the other direction off Route 2 in Richmond is the home of the famous skiing Cochran family, and in their "back yard" you can ski on the same slopes that produced four Olympic racers (along with the help of Mr. & Mrs. Cochran). You might even get a few pointers from Mickey Cochran, former coach of the U.S. ski team.

If you're into skiing, but not into money, having the "Little Three" nearby might be one solution to your problem.

Trapp Family Lodge

X-Country Ski Runs

Located in the Stowe Area is the famous home and inn of the "Sound of Music" family, the Trapps. Besides offering their beautiful lodging, they have an excellent variety of cross-country ski trails. For approximately \$5.00, 65 miles of well-marked trails are yours. Lessons are available for \$5.00 also, and picnics are encouraged.

TIPS FOR SKI SAVINGS:

1. Some areas offer a free lift ticket in exchange for a day's work.

2. A few areas offer their opening hour free for you to check out the trails.

3. Volunteer Ski Patrolters are often needed. They are given free lift tickets in return for their services.

Now is Time to Winterize

Your Car

• Exhaust System — check it for damage and leaks.

• Lubrication and Oil Change — lubricate the chassis, change the oil, being sure to use correct seasonal grade for each individual car, and change the oil filter.

• Windshield — replace the wipers if necessary; check windshield washer and defroster.

All of these services can be done yourself or at your local garage.

Now that you have your car in tip-top running condition, there are a few other reminders for winter driving. Have a scraper-brush available, a flashlight, and jumper cables. These are always useful, if not for your car, to aid someone else.

Remember, before you start to remove ice and snow from all your windows, and remember also, to slow down on slippery roads. If you find yourself on ice, do not panic; ease up gently on the accelerator and keep your foot off the brake.

Happy winter, and safe driving!!

—Ann Baldeli

If you're a skating enthusiast—

by Cindy von Beren

The Champlain Valley (Figure) Skating Club, a member of the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA), utilizes the facilities of three local rinks and is open to all those interested in figure skating.

Lessons are offered by a staff of five professionals, including Kevin Kirby, a senior at St. Michael's. Also teaching are Kathy R. Johnstone, a '74 UVM graduate who has two gold medals, and Carole Spence, a UVM freshman with one gold medal.

Skaters' abilities range from beginner to advanced. Tests are given under the guidelines of the USFSA to determine the skater's ability.

Skaters may take place in

Essex Jct. Rink:

Tuesdays: except 12/29 and 3-2; adult public (over 18 yrs.) 8:45-9:45 p.m.

Fridays: except 2/6 and 4/2; general public skating (all ages) 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturdays: except 3/27 and 4-3; public skating (all ages) 5/30-6:30 p.m.

Sundays: except /28 and 4-4; public skating (14 yrs. and older) 5:15-6:15 p.m.

Vacations and Holidays: 1-2 p.m.

Rates: Adults, \$1.00; children, 50¢.

various shows, such as the UVM Winter Week Ice Show. Last year, some club members participated in a show in St. Albans.

Ice time is scheduled for Sunday afternoons at the Essex Junction facility; Sunday nights at Gutterson — the UVM rink; Monday evening at Essex; and alternating Wednesdays-Thursdays at Leddy Park, Burlington's municipal rink. Sessions last from 1 hour to 1 hour and 45 minutes. Those interested can sign up by the session. Rates are fixed by the number of hours skated.

Any questions should be directed to Dr. H. Charles Hill, club president, at 658-3449 or Mrs. Elrick at 985-2823.

Leddy Park: Burlington's Municipal Rink, North Avenue.

Public Skating: Monday-Friday, 4-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Thursday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Thursday, 8-9:30 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday, 1-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

Rates: Adults, \$1.00; children, 50¢.

Ice Rental: \$30 per hour before midnight; \$20 per hour after midnight.

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UVM: The Gutterson Field House is only open to UVM students with their I.D.'s.

John Trottier's Huskies Run and Run

Rough, tough, and beautiful . . . in that order. These words best describe Mr. John P. Trottier and his team of Siberian Huskies. Anyone who has had the opportunity to see John and his dogs perform will surely agree.

Mr. Trottier, a 1951 graduate of St. Michael's and associate trustee of the college, has raised hundreds of huskies at his home in Essex. As a native of Canada, huskies have always been a part of his life. In his younger days, huskies proved to be an invaluable means of transportation. Although not used for this purpose today, Trottier's huskies are still trained with the same time and care.

As a sport, dog sled racing is becoming increasingly popular. Both men and women can compete on an equal basis. All competitors have the same amount of dogs and run the same course, giving no person an advantage. Mr. Trottier has personally started over forty dog teams in Vermont alone.

In preparation for competition, Trottier begins training his huskies soon after labor day. By the end of this

period, each dog has trained more than 250 miles with a sled. This year's competition begins December 20 and runs through the end of March. Mr. Trottier participates in races all over New England, as well as in Canada. Many races are held in sub-zero temperatures, at distances up to twenty miles. The determination and stamina of each team is a reflection of the hours spent in the training and discipline of these beautiful animals.

When not competing, Mr. Trottier uses his huskies for exhibitions and fund-raising throughout the area. In 1972 he was chairman for the U.S. Olympic fund-raising effort in Vermont, from which he received a gold medal and enthusiastic praise from the national chairman. To commemorate America's birthday, Mr. Trottier has agreed to drive Vermont's Bicentennial Wagon, pulled by twelve huskies.

If there is any Michaelman who is interested in learning more about sled dog racing, Mr. Trottier is more than happy to offer his assistance.

—Paul Taddeo



Ski Terms Made Easy

In the past few years freestyle skiing has introduced an entirely new vocabulary to the English language. The following are definitions of these new terms, which are designed to make you sound like a turkey on the slopes:

Apres-ski, (Fr.—x-rated) see: Voulez-vous coucher avec moi? (Fr.—x-rated) see: apres-person who skis wearing only a raincoat.

Ballet, (noun) a form of dance on skis; the most famous ski ballet is The Nutcracker Suite.

Daffy, (adj.) describes someone who likes to fly through the air on skis.

Exhibition skier, (noun) moi? (Fr.—x-rated) see: apres-person who skis wearing only a ski.

Freestyle, (noun) something received at a barbershop for no extra charge.

Helicopter, (noun) aircraft designed to transport a freestyle skier from the mountain to a hospital.

Hot dog, (noun) food costing about \$1.00 in most ski lodges.

Mogul, (noun) man-eating bumps of snow.

Three-sixty (360°), (noun) number of degrees in a circle. (See two-seventy.)

Traction, (noun) most common freestyle position.

Two-seventy (270°), (noun) usually the maximum number of degrees attained in attempting a three-sixty.

Voulez-vous coucher avec moi? (Fr.—x-rated) see: apres-person who skis wearing only a ski.

Wong, Wayne, (noun) famous freestyle skier; developed the received at a barbershop for no Wongbanger.

Wongbanger, (noun) Wayne Wong's favorite organ.

by Pasquale Goggles

Be Bright and Cautious

It's hunting season again and the Outing Club would like to warn anyone planning a hike or any other outside activities in the woods to wear bright clothing and be especially cautious.

The Outing Club is sponsoring kayaking classes in the Ross Sports Center Pool on Sunday mornings from 8 to 10 a.m. The classes will cover strokes, turns, rolls and kayaking safety. The classes are open to all students. Bring a bathing suit.

Movie Review

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book to read at age seventeen and is even more interesting to read at, let's say, fifty-seven." Timeless.

The actors seen in the film were not of the best sort, red-haired Pip being perhaps a bit too sluggish and Miss Havisham looking at least twenty years younger than Dickens had originally portrayed her. However, one redeeming feature of the film was the liberal amount of cobwebs seen skillfully deployed in the dining room.

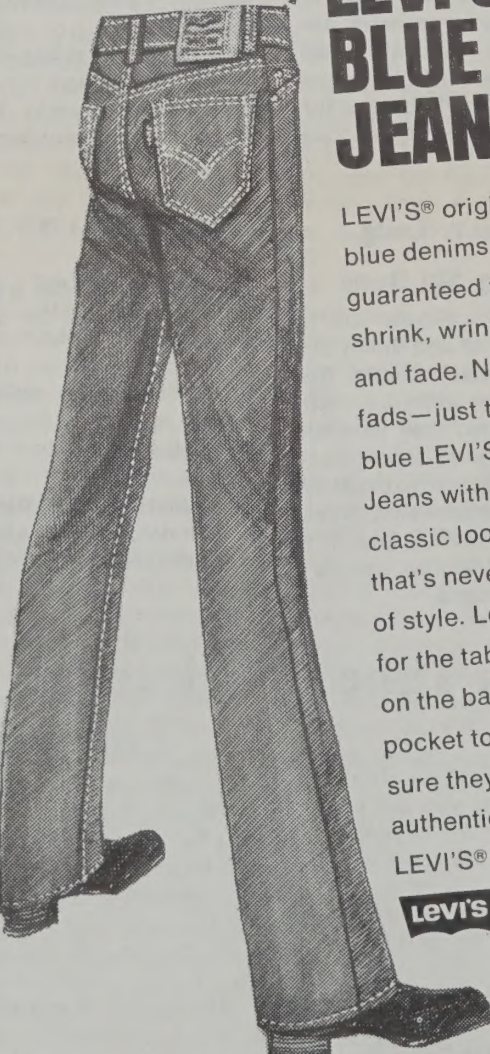
At one point in the film, Jaggers comes into the blacksmith shop and speaks of Pip's 'great expectations', the new life that is to be his. Unfortunately, the audience will not find such new life in this elementary film and any great expectations can be expected to become, by the film's end, quite small ones.

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highway intersections. Here, their age and physical condition can be accurately determined, and at the same time department

biologists can gather vital data needed for sound deer herd management.

—Robert C. Nolan



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LETTERS Cont. from P. 2

Dear Madame Editor:

I would like to express my displeasure with the quality of the 1975 *Shield*. To think that two full pages are devoted to the photographs of canines on campus is particularly appalling to me. I hate to believe that that will be a major part of the memories we students cherish.

I also must quarrel with the taste used in depicting various students pulling "half-moons"; two students masquerading as clergy; and countless other photographs. Speaking of countless other photographs . . . how come there was so much empty white space in the yearbook? When you think that this yearbook is going to sit on someone's shelf for umpteen generations, shouldn't as many pictures of students and campus life as possible be printed? How else are we to remember exactly what happened in the winter (spring, summer or fall) of 1975? I thought my high school yearbook was of superior quality and we didn't have half of the \$8,000 that *The Shield* was allotted.

I don't want this letter to sound completely negative, so perhaps I can offer a solution. It seems to me that a yearbook can only be as good as the person that is running it. Perhaps the method of choosing a yearbook editor shouldn't be left up to the sole discretion of the Senior Class President. Good grief, I thought that type of thing had gone out with the Tea Pot Dome affair. I think that a prospective yearbook editor should have to submit sample layouts, proof of experience, references, and recommendations. He should then be selected by an impartial panel of judges.

Perhaps it isn't too late now to

avoid the recurrence of a similar disaster with the 1976 *Shield*. I hope so. This time it may be my picture that has someone else's name under it.

Sincerely,
Name Withheld

Dear Madame Editor:

I am writing in response to the editorial on Planned Parenthood. I would just like to take this time to shake Sr. Jeanette's hand. Is this not part of her job, to supply the students with interesting and intelligent topics? Yes, this is a Catholic college and a very good one at that, considering the way the church is today.

We are supposedly "adults", why is it so wrong to learn about birth control which is so desperately needed in today's society? Are we to get permission for our actions? Where do you get off by saying that St. Michael's should not show this to the student body? Don't you think people should learn about these things the right way before it's too late?

Thank you,
E.M.M.

To the Student Body,

As coordinator for the campus United Way campaign, please accept my appreciation for your generosity in contributing to this worthwhile cause. Maryanne Huber, as chairperson, and her committee, must be credited with increasing the amount of money contributed this year.

Thanks to you, the United Way will be able to continue helping people through the 27 local agencies. Giving is a challenge and a sacrifice. You have met both well.

On behalf of the United Way
Sincerely,
Richard V. DiVenere

THIS WEEK

SKI NOTICES

Bring your skis and all equipment back after Thanksgiving — There will be a Klein SKI SWAP SHOP early in December. Buy, trade, or sell.

There will be free coffee at Klein Student Center every morning starting Monday, November 24, 1975.

Come on over and warm your toes by the blazing fire.

Klein Governing Board

Senator Patrick Leahy will be on campus Tuesday, November 25 from 9:30-10:15 (with a class) then 10:15 to 11:15 at Alliot Lounge.

The entire student body is welcome to come and talk with him.

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| Nov. 22 | OVP Cartoon Festival — 9 a.m.-12 noon
Klein Student Center
(Sponsored by Arnold Air Society) |
| Nov. 23 | Film: Butch Cassidy & The Sundance Kid
MAC — 7; 11:30 — 75¢
Concert — SMC Glee Club — MAC — 8 p.m. |
| Nov. 25 | SA Meeting — Alliot 212 — 6:30 p.m.
First Aid — Alliot 209 — 7-10 p.m.
Political Science Club — Sen. P. Leahy —
Alliot Lounge — 10 a.m. |
| Nov. 26 | Classes end at 11:30 a.m. |

CORRECTIONS

The following is a correction on the article, "Class Presidents Push for SA Vote:

a. The amendment to the Constitution which would permit the class presidents to vote was defeated by a vote of 20 yeas - 29 nos. [not 24-29]. Amendment needed to be passed by a 2/3 majority.

b. Peter Moore was responsible, along with John Spoor, for allowing the chairpersons to become voting members in the Senate. This added 10 [not 13 or 14] new votes. (Financial & Nominations & Personnel Comm. already had ex-officio.)

The editorial "Planned Parenthood at SMC" was written by Susan E. Sullivan, editor-in-chief of THE MICHAELMAN. The initials were deleted by error.

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Last week the quote attributed to one JoAnne Lee was not correct. The quote belongs to JoEllen Laissue, '77. I was at fault for the error, not The Michaelman or the printers. I accept full responsibility for the error and hope Miss Lee was not overly offended, nor JoEllen Laissue, for that matter.

Richard M. Long

"Assassination" of Kennedy?

Features

by Mike Bednarz

On November 22, 1963 President Kennedy was murdered. The new president, Lyndon Johnson, asked for a commission to investigate the death of Kennedy. On the evening of Sunday, September 27, 1964 the Warren Commission stated that President Kennedy and Governor Connally were shot by Lee Harvey Oswald from a window in the Texas School Book Depository.

In 1967 Gallup and Harris public opinion poll revealed that approximately two-thirds of the American people did not believe that the Kennedy "assassination" was the work of only one man. The furies that were released with the "assassination" of John Fitzgerald Kennedy have never gone away. Nor have the doubts that have surrounded the circumstances of his killing.

Public demands for truth in recent years has increased. Public credulousness has become public consciousness. Many recent events such as the Gulf of Tonkin, My Lai, Kent State, and Watergate have prompted this new spirit. On August 9, 1974 one of the seven men who served on that Commission became president of the United States. In his inaugural address President Gerald Ford promised a new era of openness and candor. Whether this openness and candor will extend retroactively to the "assassination" of President Kennedy is unknown.

The American public was not the only doubter. Rep. Hale Boggs, a Commission member, did not agree with many of the Commission's findings. Until his mysterious disappearance in a light plane flying over Alaska in 1972, he continued to report that the Warren Commission was in error. The witnesses to the "assassination", 52 of them, inserted that at least some of the shots that killed President Kennedy came from in front of him, from the direction of the grassy knoll. The Commission discounted all of them.

In the years immediately following the "assassination", 26

books and dozens of articles challenged the finding that Oswald acted alone. By 1967 the holes in the Warren Commission report had become numerous and obvious. Presently, the critics are armed with sophisticated new technology and a raft of Freedom of Information lawsuits. They have uncovered additional evidence pointing to the existence of a conspiracy in which Lee Harvey Oswald was not involved.

Much of the evidence that is being reviewed today is precisely the same ground that the critics went over a decade ago. What has changed is belief. The strongest selling point of the Warren Commission is not what it said, but the people who said it. If a senior public official stated something in 1964, there was a tendency to take him at his word. In the aftermath of Watergate and Vietnam, few people are prepared to believe anything that comes out of Washington.

The thought of a conspiracy implies that there must have been an effort to cover it up. It would

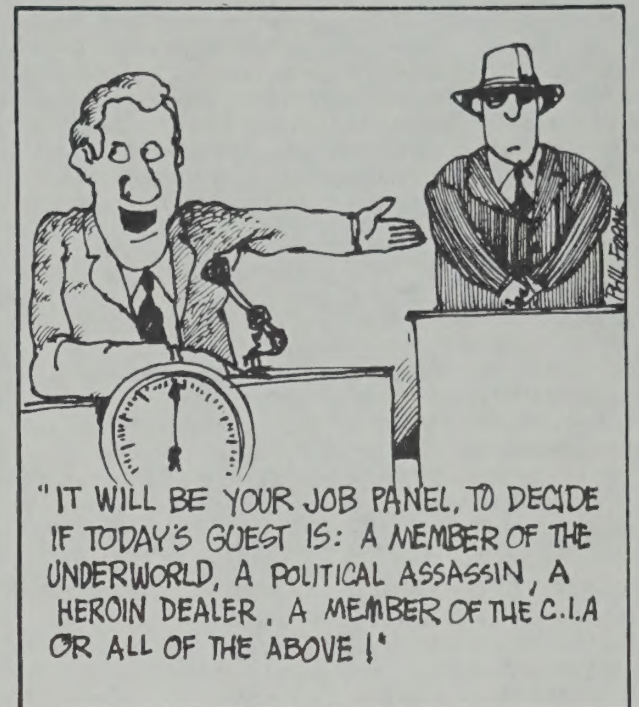
have to include the Dallas police, the CIA, the Secret Service, the FBI, and possibly the President. Ten years ago, that was a little hard to swallow. Now there is Watergate: a conspiracy involving the CIA, the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the President. Suddenly, it all becomes possible.

Earl Warren, chairman of the Commission, made it clear at his first staff meeting that his mission and theirs was more political than investigatory. He had taken the job because the President had convinced him if rumors about a conspiracy were not squelched, it could conceivably lead the country to war.

Thus, under extreme political pressures, the Commission set about its task. It relied upon the FBI and the CIA to do its field work since it had no investigative staff of its own.

The Commission came up with their own theory of "assassination". It contradicted ballistic findings, autopsy results, and the testimony of

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Movie Review —

Small Expectations

by R. Kipp Miller

On November 18th the English Department Film Series presented an hour-long feature entitled *Great Expectations*, a critical analysis of Charles Dickens' novel of the same name.

The film was of a fatuous nature. Clifton Fadiman, the brooding, voluble narrator, gave commentary on particular sections of the novel with a particularly lifeless cast of characters acting out others. Fadiman would then return, oversimplifying his explanation of the acted scenes, scenes which Dickens himself had expressed tolerably well in the context of the novel.

This horizontal novel, as it is called by Fadiman, is one of Dickens' more popular works. The narrator explains its popularity among all age groups by saying, "It is an interesting

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Don't Shoot

by John Acton

Well, it's that time of the year again when all the gun nuts come out of hiding and go frolicking through the woods shooting at the first thing that moves, usually themselves. Because that is what happens during hunting season, and don't say that it doesn't.

So the guns are going to be out this week and everybody will be having a ball and who knows how many hunters will be wounded or killed by some jerk who is over-anxious on wanting to kill something? Because a hunter cannot wait to pull that trigger, that is why road signs always end up with bullet holes in them. And it is easier to shoot a No Trespassing sign than it is to read, because hunters have never been known for their mentality.

But hunters aren't really the problem; the problem is the gun. Right now there are 40 million guns in circulation in the United States; that would make it possible for 1 out of 5 persons to own one. Why, when America is one of the most protective countries in the world, does anyone want or need a gun?

But as long as the National Rifle Association (NRA) has their way, all the gun nuts have nothing to worry about. And don't believe that statement that the NRA spokesman made which said, ". . . guns don't kill people — people kill people . . ." Because 53 percent of all homicides nationally are by handguns and 74 percent of all homicides occur between people who are acquainted. Most of those homicides were committed in a fit of rage, and if the gun wasn't there, there might, just might, be someone living right now instead of being dead.

So let's just sit down a minute and think the whole thing out. And maybe it isn't our fault to begin with, because ever since we were little we have heard the words. And the words weren't that hard to learn and they were easier to say, "Bang! Bang? You're dead!"

LONG SHOTS

by Dick Long '77

Oh, for a close call here or there and what a world of difference the NFL standings would have. It seems like just last year the Houston Oilers were fighting for their first win, to say nothing about first in their conference. Coming off last week's big win against Miami, the Oilers go up against the World Champion Pittsburgh Steelers on Monday Night Football on ABC. Rest assured the mouth, Mongo, and the Giffer will undoubtedly tab this game as "the" game of the season. Those three can think of more ways to ruin a game than the money-hungry producers do with all their commercials. I realize that it used to be the fans who paid for the games, but T.V. has become such a financial factor in sports that without proper T.V. endorsement leagues (WFL) and individual teams (ABA) have folded and will continue to do so. What with the high player salaries, team expenses and other incidents how some teams have survived without T.V. is something short of a miracle. Owners used to cry bankruptcy because of lack of public support at the gate; others because of too little interest from the business world. Today the Economics of Sports Management, like that of New York City, has to tie up the loose ends and hold the fort on player salaries. The average basketball player's salary is nearly 3 times as much as the average baseball player (\$75,000 and \$25,000 respectively). Salaries have skyrocketed so high the college graduates who desire to further their education (Tom MacMillan, Bill Bradley) are giving away the chance to earn upwards of half a million dollars. Some athletes, Moses Malone and Darryl Dawkins, bypassed the collegiate route and went from high school right to pro basketball. With times as they are it was foolish for these two to waste time and money in college. Dawkins got \$1,000,000 to sign with the Philadelphia 76'ers. Malone got upwards of \$800,000. At this rate the next Mickey Mantle or Ted Williams could sign for umpteen billion dollars at the age of 9, without ever playing a single game, lifting a bat, or tying a shoe lace. Think about it — it's scary.

The "classic" Brown-Harvard game was a big disappointment. It resembled a Minnesota Viking-San Diego Charger game more than an Ivy League contest. Bob Bateman probably had the worst day of his collegiate career, one which he probably will relive in his mind for some time to come. The Batemen the East Coast saw on ABC last week did not in any way resemble the man the statistics tell us we should have seen. . . . The battle for the No. 1 draft pick in the NFL continued last week as Cleveland and San Diego continued their losing ways. Who the No. 1 pick will be is very much up in the air. I think Archie Griffin will probably be right up there. Pruitt and Griffin in the same backfield would surely help the Browns; almost anybody could help the lowly Browns or San Diego.

What to do with the sudden surplus of football players, now with the defunct WFL Players looking for a job, is becoming a very big headache for Pete Rozelle and the NFL. Rosters were lowered to 43 from 47 this year and the NFL Players Association raised a fuss over that. I wonder what the NFL Players Association suggests to do with the WFL players? It will be interesting to see what King Pete decides to do.

In closing, I am curious to see what the vote for the NL Cy Young Award would have been if Randy Jones of San Diego and Tom Seaver of New York played in each other's cities. Seaver is head and shoulders above 90% of the pitchers in the National League, but look at the year Jones had come off (15-30) and compare it to this year's (20-12). Maybe next year, Randy.

I am a bit hesitant to 100% endorse the Beniquez, Barr for Ferguson Jenkins trade. I am glad to see we got rid of an outfielder and picked up a proven 20-game winner, but Jenkins gave up 40 homers last season. Beniquez is young and Barr is unproven. The Red Sox traded youth for experience. On paper we have Wise, Lee, Tiant, Jenkins, and Moret, all proven pitchers who know how to pitch around the better hitters in the league. This trade should give Rick Miller a little lift. We still have 6 outfielders. If everything on paper could come true we could reserve our playoff and series tickets today. Right now, though, I'll take the wait and see attitude on this trade.

Congratulations are in order for Coach Duhamel and his SMC Club Hockey team for their 6-3 win last Monday nite over New Hampshire College. Their next game is at the Essex Rink at 8 p.m. November 22 against the Marlboro Hawks. Admission is \$1.00. Supporting the team now, when they need it most, can only help the guys as they opened the season on a good note. Let's not let the note turn sour Saturday night.

Twelve Years Since

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every witness to the actual event. It came to be called the "magic bullet theory."

Simply stated, the Commission found that 3 bullets were fired that day, all from the rear. The final, fatal shot that hit the President in the back of the head. The second shot missed completely. The first, the magic bullet, struck President Kennedy in the back just below the neck, passed through his neck into the back of Governor Connally, smashed through Connally's rib and out his chest, and continued on to his wrist, finally winding up in his thigh. In short, one shot made seven holes.

This description of events fails to pass the test when examined closely. There are many damaging evidences against the Commission's conclusions.

One. A 22-second strip of film captured the entire "assassination". (The Zapruder film.) The FBI determined that the camera operated at a rate of 18.3 frames per second. Thus it is possible to measure the time intervals between the events recorded on the film. The commission concluded that Kennedy was first hit between frames 210 and 225. Connally can be seen reacting at frame 236. A Mannlicher-Carcano, the alleged weapon, cannot be fired in less than 2.3 seconds or 42 frames, and it is impossible to shoot and load the Carcano 3 times in the 5.6 between the first time the President was hit and the final, fatal shot.

Thus, the precise chronology of events established by the Zapruder film shows the wounding of Kennedy and Connally to be too separate in time to have done by one bullet, and too close together to have been accomplished by two successive shots from the Mannlicher-Carcano.

Two. Trouble also is encountered when the Commission attempted to duplicate Oswald's alleged marksmanship. The rifle was fitted with a left-handed

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scope. Oswald was right-handed. Also, Oswald had a Marine record of being a poor shot. Three marksmen recreated the events in Dallas by hitting a level, stationary target. None of them could repeat Oswald's alleged performance.

Three. Totally inexplicable is how the bullet that purportedly did all this damage (and was later conveniently discovered on the governor's stretcher in a corridor of Parkland Hospital) emerged so miraculously intact, virtually undeformed. The Commission itself had a similar bullet fired into solely the wrist bone of a cadaver. The result was that the bullet was mangled.

Four. The Commission stated that all shots came from the rear. In the Zapruder film the President's head can be seen moving forward a few inches, then suddenly the right side of his head tears away in a shower of blood and brains and throws him backward in the car. When bodies are hit from the rear, they move forward. When hit from the front, they move backward. It's called Newton's Third Law of Motion. The Warren Commission chose to ignore it. If the Commission was willing to credit Oswald with extraordinary gifts of marksmanship, it is also willing to admit he had the power of bi-location as well?

Lee Bowers, a railroad

worker, who witnessed the "assassination" from a nearby switching tower told the Commission he had seen unusual commotion near the grassy knoll in front of the motorcade. A few months later, Bowers was killed when his car struck a bridge abutment. He had been driving in daylight, on an open road, and at a moderate speed, when his car suddenly swerved off the side of the road.

Bowers was one of 17 witnesses connected to the Kennedy, Oswald, or Tippit murders to die under strange circumstances within 3 years of the "assassination". Five died of what were officially listed as natural causes; the other 12 were victims of murder, accidents or suicide. The actual odds of such a string of deaths have been reckoned at 100 trillion to 1.

Besides the above-mentioned discrepancies, there are numerous other evidence to discredit the single assassin theory. The point is if these are legitimate discrepancies, then it is high time the Federal Government lifted the lid on this boiling pot. Where once the Commission could count on the name and probity of its chairman to certify a preposterous scenario of events, today the mention of Earl Warren brings laughter. America is different now than it was in 1963. Do we now have a rendezvous with destiny?

Women's Basketball On The Move

The rise of women's liberation and feminism has become prominent worldwide. With this rise has come recognition of women athletes as being as good and perhaps better than the male athletes. This enthusiasm and dedication is certainly present in this year's Girls' Varsity Basketball team.

This year's coach, Florence Kirby, sincerely believes that she has "a really good group" and "no dedication is lacking" in her team of fourteen women.

Thirty girls actually tried out and Coach Kirby had "to make a few tough decisions" but she feels she picked the best and most experienced girls.

The women that deserve the most recognition for their

superior abilities are: Debbie Drago '79, Paula Desmarais '79, Kathy Nolan '78, Lynn Daviau '77 and Senior Sue Polonica. All these girls show great capabilities and have become known as the team leaders.

Coach Kirby shares the eagerness and excitement of her seemingly outstanding team. She stated that "the girls want to play good basketball" . . . but, on the other hand, they . . . "don't take it so seriously that it becomes a drag."

The coach thinks they are great and the girls certainly do not lack self-confidence. So, their first game on December 3rd against Plattsburgh will test their spirit and abilities in playing a truly competitive game.

—Berni Kenney

Hockey Season Sparked

By Initial Victory

The St. Michael's hockey team defeated New Hampshire College in Manchester by a score of 6-3 on Monday, Nov. 17. It was the Knights' first game.

Mark Sylvester, a freshman from Hyde Park, Mass., led SMC with two goals, one in the second period and another in the third.

In the first period, Terry Leddy scored with the assist going to Ed Hannon. Less than four minutes later, defensemen Steve Foley and Danny Shea set up Simon Tuma, who scored with less than five minutes to play in the period.

In the second period, Walter

Ruscoe put the puck in the net, with the assist going to junior Eric Ohanian. Forty seconds later, Sylvester got his first goal after being set up by Tuma, putting SMC ahead 4-0. However, at 18:26, Rink scored for New Hampshire, making the score 4-1.

New Hampshire opened the third period with McCauliffe tallying. Shea put SMC back on the board two minutes later, with an assist from Hannon. New Hampshire then scored again, but the Knights fought back and with four minutes left in the game, Sylvester got his second goal, assisted by Foley and Tuma.

Steve Curtin was in the nets for the entire game for SMC, handling 34 shots. The Knights fired 30 shots at the New Hampshire cage.

Eighteen minor penalties were called in the game, plus a five-minute major against New Hampshire for interfering with the goalie. Eleven of those minors were against St. Michael's.

It should be noted that New Hampshire is a varsity team and plays in Division III.

St. Michael's plays its first home game Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Essex Rink at 8 p.m. against the Marlboro Hawks — be there!!!

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